L3 County Qualifier
19th & 20th October 2024
Licence Number - 3SE240906

MEET CONDITIONS

Venue/Facilities: Guildford Spectrum**.** Eight lane 25m pool, swim down pool, electronic timing with scoreboard.

Affiliation: Guildford City SC is affiliated to Swim England South East Region and the meet will be held under Swim England Laws and Regulations and Swim England Technical Rules of racing.

The meet is licensed at Level 3 being held on 19th & 20th October 2024 under licence number **TBC**

Age Groups: Ages as at 23:59 **20th October 2024**

Age groups 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16+

Competing Categories: Swimmers will be required to swim in one of two groups, Female or Open/Male swimmers.

The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and NonBinary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category, a swimmer confirms that their birth sex is female.

Entries: Entries will be accepted from**: Midday 14th September 2024**

Closing date for entries is**: Midday 23rd September 2024**

Entries falling within the qualifying times will be accepted on a **first come, first served** basis.

Guildford City SC reserves the right to close the meet or individual events within the meet earlier than the specified closing date.

In the event that the meet is oversubscribed, a reserve list will be operated at the meet in order to insulate against the effect of late withdrawals and to maximise opportunities for swimmers to participate. Swimmers whose entries are initially rejected will be invited to apply for inclusion on the reserve list. Anyone on the reserve list must be within the qualifying times. The period for application will close 5 days after publication of the initial list of accepted and rejected entries. The reserve list will be seeded based on a first come first served basis. If swims become available before warm-up for each session of the meet, they will be offered to those highest on the reserve list. Swims for those accepted reserve applicants can not be guaranteed. Entries from reserves that do not swim at the Meet will be refunded after the Meet.

Club entries with short course times (long course conversions will be accepted) should be submitted using the Hy-Tek electronic entry file available to download via www.gcsc.co.uk.

Individual Entries

Guildford City will no longer accept individual entries from external Club Members ages 17 and under, due to the new Swim England policy regarding Team Manager/Coach & Chaperones. **However, should another Club entering the open meet be willing to assume responsibility for the swimmer at the open meet, we would require both the Visiting Club and the Parent/guardian of the swimmer to complete and sign a form setting out their responsibilities. The individual swimmer must also have a responsible adult who is not poolside acting in loco parentis at the open meet. Please contact: claire.walsh@gcsc.co.uk for more information. If the relevant criteria has been met the forms will be sent via our Adobe Software. They can be completed and signed using a mobile phone.** Otherwise, we will only accept bona fide Club entries and individual entries for swimmers aged over 18 years old. Please see Swim England's Policy regarding supervision of swimmers - Coaches / Team Managers and Chaperones.

Late entries may be considered in the event of under subscription. These must be applied for in advance of the meet by emailing sergiu.chete@gcsc.co.ukTime trials may also be considered in the event of under subscription and will be charged at an entry fee of **£10/ swim.**

The submission of entries, either electronically or via entry form indicates acceptance of the Meet Conditions.

Entry Fees: Entry fees include spectator entry.

50m, 100m, 200m and 400m Events £9.50 per entry.

Individual entries not submitted as part of a club electronic file will incur a **£15** admin fee per swimmer.

Payment to be in accordance with the instructions on our website.

The entry fee includes a levy of 20p per event payable to ASA South East.

There will be no refunds for withdrawals after the closing date other than withdrawals for medical reasons that are accompanied by the appropriate certification.

SIGN IN: This is a SIGN IN gala. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to sign in for events they wish to compete before warm-up of the corresponding session. Failure to sign in will result in eviction from the race. The sign in desk will be located in a hospitality ice box.

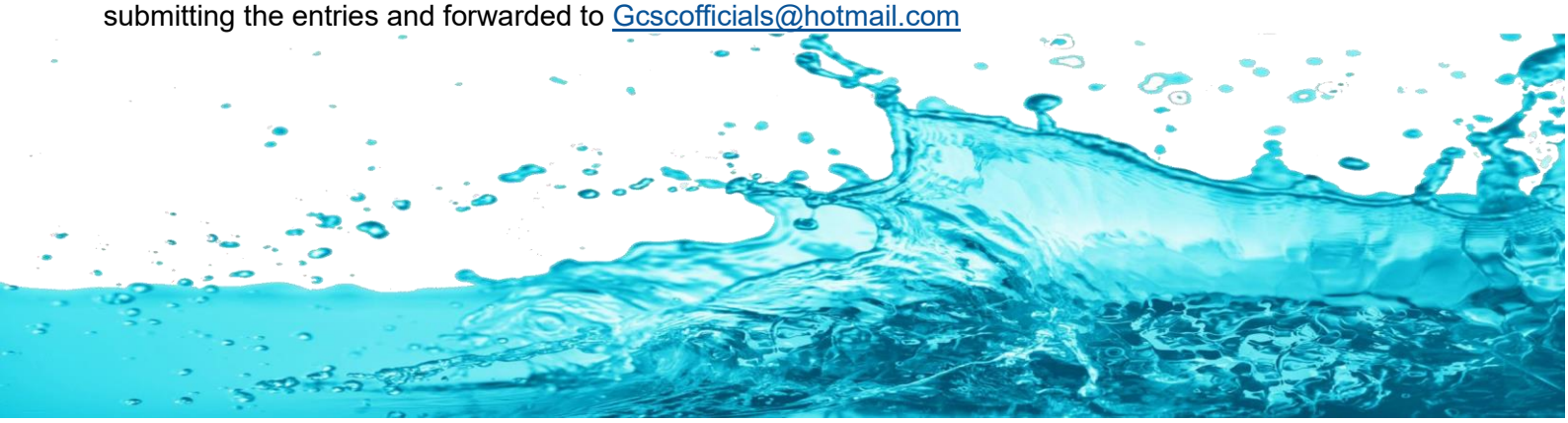
Events: Events will consist of 50m, 100m and 200m of all four strokes, 400m freestyle, 200m and 400m Individual Medley, and 200m Mystery Individual Medley (Top 8 finishers from the 200IM with stroke order decided on site)

All events will be swum on a **heat declared winner basis**.

It is the responsibility of the swimmer to report to the stewarding area in sufficient time for each event.

Guildford City SC cannot be held responsible for any swimmer missing the start of their particular heat.

Officials: Name and contact details for officials should be completed by the person responsible for submitting the entries and forwarded to Gcscofficials@hotmail.com



Warm Up: Swimmers and coaches must ensure that they take no action that would endanger themselves or others. Sprint lanes will be announced.

Swim Down: A swim down pool will be available for use throughout the duration of the event, except whilst warm up is available in the main competition pool.

Swimmers are requested to respect other competitors in and around the surrounding areas whilst using this facility.
The instructions of the pool lifeguard and/or Guildford City SC Meet Management Staff must be followed.
Guildford City SC Meet Management Staff and the Spectrum Leisure Centre Management reserve the right to close this facility.

Secondary Strobe: A secondary strobe for S15 swimmers is available on request at time of entry

Awards: Awards will be made to the first three placed swimmers in each age group.

Presentations will not be made. Awards should be collected from the awards table.

Points will be awarded to the top eight swimmers in each age group who fall within the qualifying times, eight points being awarded for first place, seven for second and so on down to one point for eighth place.

The male/Open and female swimmers who acquire the highest points in each category will be awarded the following:

Top Junior Male/Open 9 to 12 yr **Top Junior Girl 9 to 12 yr**

Top Senior Male/Open 13+ yr **Top Senior Girl 13+ yr**

Top Visiting Club

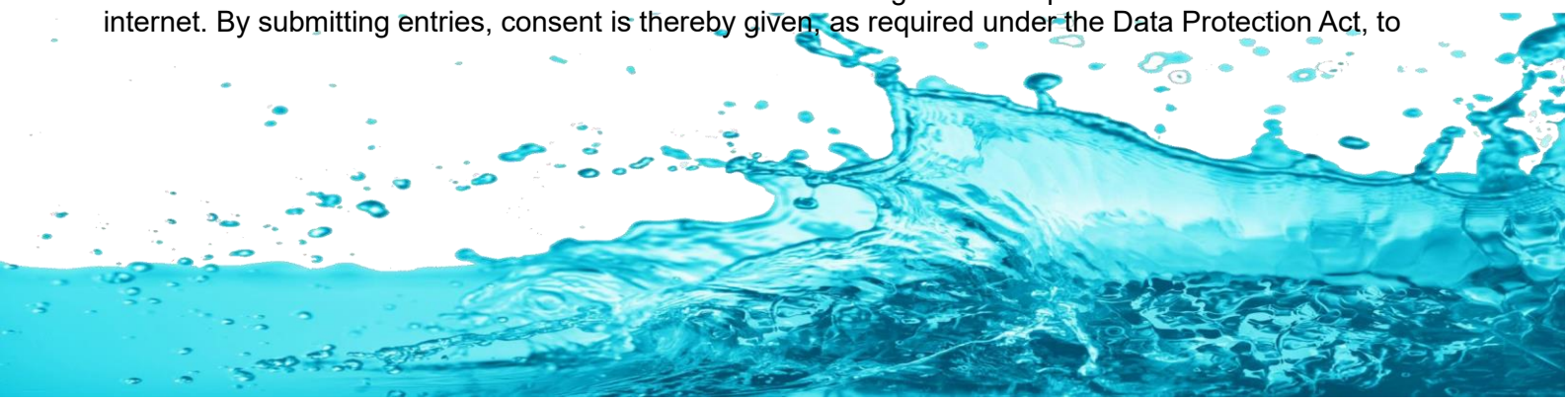
In addition, the top eight swimmers who fall within the qualifying times will score points, on the same basis, towards the team award:

Poolside Passes: Poolside passes are available at a cost of £25 per day or £40 for the weekend.

Poolside passes will include admittance to all sessions, programmes, food/refreshments and results.

A free poolside pass is provided to any club providing 30 swimmers, or for the provision of officials (to officiate in a total of four sessions).

Data Protection: Swim meet entries and results will be managed via computer and available via the internet. By submitting entries, consent is thereby given, as required under the Data Protection Act, to



the holding of personal information on a computer. Personal data, including submitted and recorded times, will be publicly available during the meet.

STRICTLY NO MOBILE DEVICES IN CHANGES ROOMS: With effect from 3 January 2024, Swim England has changed the rules about changing rooms. Any use by any person of a device that can connect to the internet is prohibited from the point of entry to a changing room until exiting the changing room. In practice this means that any device must be in a bag or pocket - it must not be visible. **There are no exemptions to this rule.** If you believe there is a valid medical reason for using a device in the changing room; this should be raised with the Guildford City Swimming Club welfare officer.

Prohibiting use of mobiles in changing rooms will protect our members (swimming.org)

Safety: Everyone attending the event must familiarise themselves with the location of the emergency exits, which must be kept clear at all times.

Everyone is asked to observe all normal precautions in the pool area and when moving around
Spectrum Leisure Centre.

Swimmers must not leave poolside unless they are wearing clothes and shoes having dried themselves.

Behaviour: The Guildford City SC Open Meet Management Staff and the Spectrum Leisure Centre management reserve the right to remove any person from the pool area, whose behaviour is either against the pool rules or the efficient running of the meet.

Security: Persons are requested not to leave their belongings unattended and to ensure valuables are placed in a locked locker or kept with someone for safekeeping.

Guildford City SC nor Spectrum Leisure Centre management will be held responsible for loss of personal property.

Administration: For all information regarding this meet, please see www.gcsc.co.uk.

For queries and submission of electronic entries, individual Entry Forms, cheque payments and application for poolside passes should be sent to: sergiu.chete@gcsc.co.uk

For all other enquiries, please email the meet promotor Sarah Trotman at s.v.trotman@gmail.com

Any eventuality, situation or dispute not covered by the above conditions or by Swim England laws and Regulations or technical rules of Racing shall be determined by the Meet Promoters.